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MAGI #0400/12208NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Baltimore City	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON: Otterbein Church			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Old Otterbein Evangelical United Brethren Church			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 112 W. Conway Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore			
STATE Maryland	CODE 19	COUNTY: Baltimore City	CODE 510

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Old Otterbein Evangelical United Brethren Church		STATE: Maryland	
STREET AND NUMBER: 112 W. Conway Street		COUNTY: Baltimore City	
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore	STATE: Maryland	CODE 19	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Land Record Office of the Superior Court of Baltimore City		STATE: Maryland	
STREET AND NUMBER: Room 610, Baltimore City Court House		COUNTY: Baltimore City	
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore	STATE: Maryland	CODE 19	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey		FOR NPS USE ONLY	
DATE OF SURVEY: January 1964		ENTRY NUMBER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local		DATE	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: D. C.	CODE 08	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered			<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
				<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Otterbein Church is a two-story brick Georgian structure, built in 1785-86 by Jacob Small, Sr., a local carpenter. The design for the building is also attributed to Small.

The peaked roof is topped on the west gable by a square tower with octagonal cupola-on-cupola, reminiscent of the style of Christopher Wren.

The entrance, in the second (w) of five bays, is covered by a pedimented vestibule. A double door, panelled, has leaded stained glass sidelights and an arched transom.

The windows on each floor have semi-circular arches with radiating muntins and twenty-two over fifteen sash. Much of the original glass still remains. Between floor levels there is a white limestone belt course. A wooden cornice with modillions encircles the building forming pediments on the gables.

A major remodeling in 1839 created a projection with hipped roof in the east wall which houses the pulpit and marks the aspe. These renovations also resulted in the removal of the interior balconies.

The nails throughout the building were hand-made. The bells, cast in Germany, and installed in 1789, are still used.

The Otterbein Church is located within a large Urban Renewal area which surrounds the Baltimore harbor. This will result in the removal of the commercial structures which now surround it and the creation of parks and new dwelling places. Accordingly, the church has long-range plans for restoring the building and grounds to their former beauty.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1785-1786

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☒ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

losophy

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☒ Art☐ Architecture☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Otterbein Church is the only eighteenth-century church building of any denomination in continuous use which remains in Baltimore. It was built in 1785-1786 by Jacob Small, Sr., for a congregation of Germans who, under the leadership of Pastor Phillip Wilhelm Otterbein, had separated from the Lutheran Church.

Here, in 1789, the first Conference of United Brethren preachers was held, resulting in the official organization of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and in the election of Pastor Otterbein as a bishop of the new church.

Otterbein's grave, in the churchyard, is marked by a monument, erected in 1913, one hundred years following his death.

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#6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Commission for Historical & Architectural Preservation
Survey
1966

402 City Hall

Baltimore, Maryland Code: 19

Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks
May 1969

Maryland Historical Trust

Post Office Box 1704

Annapolis, Maryland Code: 19

#9. REFERENCES

Rose, Howard Wickliffe, The Colonial Houses of Worship
in America (1607-1789) (New York: Hastings House, 1963),
pp. 178.

Scharf, J. Thomas, The Chronicles of Baltimore
(Baltimore: Turnbull Brothers, 1874), pp. 40-42, 76, 136.

* Liber WG 87 Folio 517, Land Record Office of the Superior
Court of Baltimore City, Room 610, Baltimore City Court
House, Baltimore, Maryland

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorders: Romaine S. Somerville, Executive Secretary, and Catharine F. Black, Commission Member, Commission for Historical & Architectural Preservation, 402 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland. Code: 19

Howland, Richard Hubbard, and Spencer, Elizabeth Patterson, The Architecture of Baltimore (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1953), pp. 19-20; Plate XXIII.

[see continuation sheet]

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .6 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

Oct. 10, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:

P. O. Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21404

CODE

19

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

Orlando Ridout IV
Orlando Ridout IV

Title

State Liaison Officer
for Maryland

Date

October 13, 1969

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle Baltimore East			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1953			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

Army Map Service
 U.S.G.S.
 1:24,000
 1953

OTTERBEIN CHURCH
 LATITUDE 39°17'03.8"
 LONGITUDE 76°37'02.7"



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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Baltimore Dept. of Planning - Phil Sibley			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1968			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Commission for Historical & Architectural Preservation, 402 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Otterbein Church from the south			

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Archbishop Carroll



The Roman Catholic Cathedral as Benjamin Latrobe designed it, completed in 1821. The present onion towers were added later

The Seed that Fell into Good Ground

BALTIMORE holds a unique place in the religious history of the nation, appropriate to the chief city of Maryland, where religious freedom in America had its beginning.

Following the Revolution, the Pope appointed Father John Carroll, a Marylander, Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States. In 1789 Father Carroll became the first Roman Catholic Bishop in this country. In 1808 the Baltimore Cathedral, which he had planned, was elevated to the rank of a metropolitan church and Dr. Carroll was invested with the dignity of Archbishop. Thus Baltimore became the birthplace of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in this country.

Baltimore may claim also the country's first Methodist Bishop. December 27, 1784, Francis Asbury was ordained in Lovely Lane Meeting House. At the same conference the Methodist Church in the United States was born.

Otterbein Church, on Conway Street near Sharp, erected in 1784 and the oldest church edifice still standing in the city, was named for Bishop Philip William Otterbein, on whose teaching the Church of the United Brethren in Christ was based.

In 1842, Baltimore saw the organization of Har Sinai Congregation, first Jewish congregation founded on Reform principles in the United States. This group held its first regular services in 1843 in a second-floor front room in the home of Moses Hutzler, Exeter Street and Eastern Avenue (right).



Otterbein Church



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1. STATE **Maryland**
 COUNTY **Baltimore City**
 TOWN VICINITY
 STREET NO. **Conway at Sharp Street**
 ORIGINAL OWNER
 ORIGINAL USE
 PRESENT OWNER
 PRESENT USE
 WALL CONSTRUCTION
 NO. OF STORIES

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
 INVENTORY **B-11**

2. NAME **Otterbein Church**
Otterbein United Methodist Church
 DATE OR PERIOD
 STYLE
 ARCHITECT
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC

(see National Register Nomination form)

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE **Endangered**

Interior

Exterior



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

DATE OF RECORD

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

OTTERBEIN CHURCH



112 W. Conway Street

1785-86

Architect: Jacob Small, Sr.

Designed by Jacob Small, Sr., this is Baltimore's only 18th century Georgian style church building still in use today. It was built between 1785-86 for a congregation of Germans who, under the leadership of Pastor Phillip Wilhelm Otterbein, had separated from the Lutheran church. In 1789, in this building, the Church of the United Brethren was organized and Pastor Otterbein was elected bishop. Now the church is part of the United Methodist denomination, following a merger in the 1960's.

The building is unique architecturally. Its octagonal cupola is reminiscent of the work of the English architect, Christopher Wren. Much of the original glass remains in the arched windows. The nails throughout the building were handmade and the bells, cast in Germany and installed in 1789, are still in use.

Pastor Otterbein's grave is in the churchyard, marked by a monument erected 100 years after his death.

Deed ref: WG 87/517

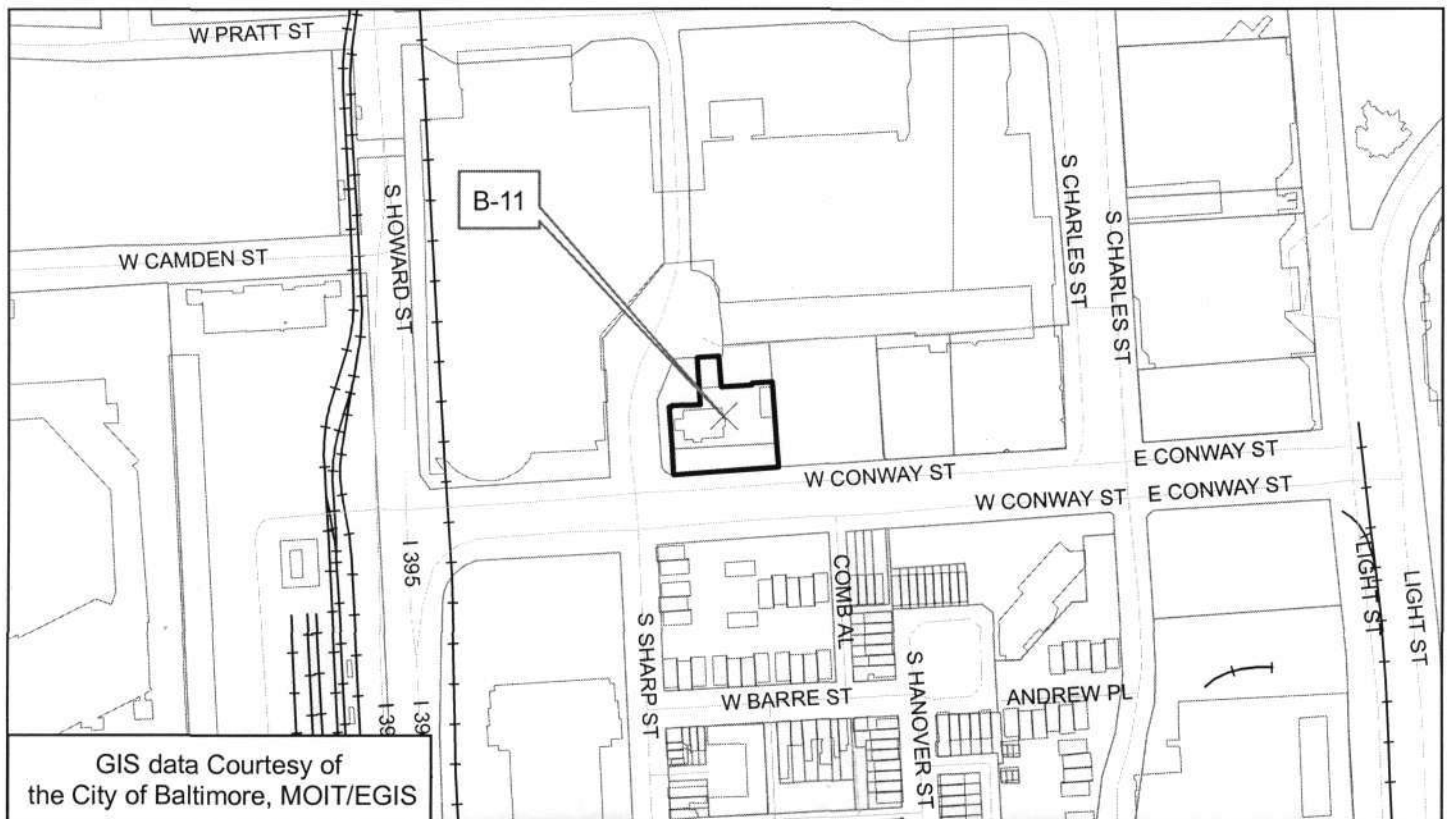
Lot size: 180' x 155'

Wd: 22 Sec: 2

Blk: 692 Lot: 2

Owner: Otterbein United Methodist Church

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Otterbein Church (Old Otterbein Evangelical United Brethren Church)
112 W. Conway Street
Block 0692 Lot 001
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





CENTRAL MARYLAND

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Old Otterbein Church

Conway at Sharp St

Baltimore, ^{city} Md

1785-86 J. Small

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